

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected Claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed toward non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has amended Claim 20 to claim a system “including a tangible computer readable medium” in order to avoid such rejection.

Thus, all of the independent claims are deemed allowable. Moreover, the remaining dependent claims are further deemed allowable, in view of their dependence on such independent claims.

The Examiner is thanked for the allowable subject matter of Claims 1-12, 19, 21, and 24. The Examiner has stated in the Examiner’s Statement of Reasons for Allowance the following: “[t]he closest applicable prior art...do not teach the combination of features found in the independent claims, particularly including...[a]s per claims 1, 19, 20 and 21: displaying a graphical representation indicating a severity of the number of the events tracked by the firewall, where the representation includes a graph...[and] [a]s per claim 24: displaying a menu for selecting from a plurality of interface features including a summary page, an application page, an event log, and an IP address page” (emphasis added).

In response, applicant points out that at least some of the independent claims (e.g. Claims 1, 19, 20 and 21) are not limited to at least the emphasized features that the Examiner has highlighted above. Just by way of example, at least some of applicant’s independent claims are not limited to “displaying a graphical representation indicating a severity of the number of the events tracked by the firewall” as the Examiner notes.

Clearly, at least some of the independent claims are not limited to the features that the Examiner has noted above in the Examiner’s Statement of Reasons for Allowance, as emphasized above (by way of example). Instead, each of the claims should only be limited by the language existing therein.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NAHP093).

Respectfully submitted,
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